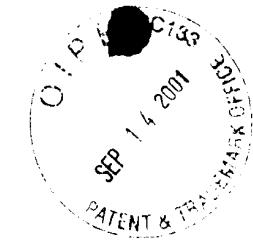




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**Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/779,237
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File No.: 259136-005004 (P-6149)**

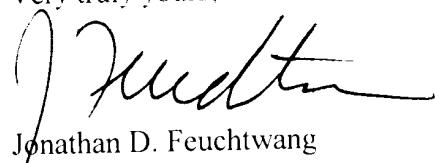
Dear Mr. Cochrane:

Enclosed is a copy of the Statement Regarding the Content of the Diskette which we filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 10, 2001.

As a reminder we are waiting for a copy of a reference listed on page 7 of the application.

We will keep you informed of further developments in this case.

Very truly yours,



Jonathan D. Feuchtwang

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Serial No.: 09/779,237

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**STATEMENT REGARDING THE CONTENT
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Sir:

The content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form submitted on June 11, 2001 is identical to the written sequence listing which was submitted on the same date.

As noted in the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 11, 2001, the originally filed diskette containing the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form was unreadable. The content of the originally filed diskette was identical to the originally filed written sequence listing.

However, the originally filed written sequence listing contained a typographical error. Correction of this error does *not* introduce new matter, since the sequence listing was correctly disclosed in FIG. 1 of the originally filed application.

The Examiner should contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

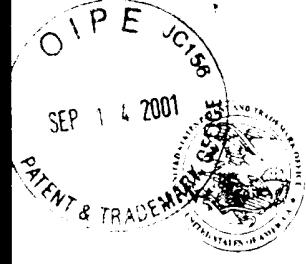
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